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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of managing the ~~movement~~ evacuation of multiple persons located in different discrete places at a first location area, the first location area being a disaster area, wherein the evacuation is related to a crisis or disaster, comprising:

- a. communicating with said multiple persons at the first location area, through a wireless medium, and more selectively through a cellular telephone, in connection with a departure from the first location area;
- b. permitting at least one of said multiple persons to enter a departure request on the wireless medium, selectively a cellular telephone, for an allocation of a time for leaving the first location area, including the steps of:
 - i. receiving an input from said at least one of said multiple persons at the first location area, the input being communicated to a central computer for regulating the numbers of persons at the first location area relative to the number of persons being directed to a second location area remote from said first location area;
 - ii. transmitting a response to said at least one of said multiple persons, the response including a plurality of available departure times to depart from the first location area; and,
 - iii. permitting said at least one of said multiple persons to select a departure time from the plurality of available departure times; and,
- c. employing the selected departure time for permitting the departure of said at least one of said multiple persons from the first location area.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input from the said at least one of said multiple persons at the first location area is received from a telephone keypad, selectively a cellular phone keypad.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input is effected from multiple first location areas, and wherein a keypad of the cellular telephone is used for permitting the departure from multiple first location areas to multiple selected second location areas.

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Claim 4 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein persons at the first location area who are not allocated a departure time, are permitted to depart on an first-in first-out availability basis.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of managing the evacuation of multiple persons located in different discrete places at a first location area, the first location area being a disaster area, wherein the evacuation is related to a crisis or disaster, comprising comprising:

- a. communicating with said multiple persons at the first location area, through a communication medium in connection with a departure from the first location area;
- b. permitting at least one of said multiple persons to enter a departure request on the communication medium for an allocation of a time for leaving the first location area, including the steps of:
 - i. receiving an input from said at least one of said multiple persons at the first location area, the input being communicated to a central computer for regulating a number of persons at the first location area relative to a number of persons being directed to at a second location area remote from said first location area; and,
 - ii. transmitting a response to said at least one of said multiple persons, the response including a departure time to depart from the first location area; and,
- c. employing the departure time for permitting the departure of said at least one of said multiple persons from the first location area.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of managing the evacuation of multiple persons located in different discrete places at a first location area, the first location area being a disaster area, wherein the evacuation is related to a crisis or disaster, comprising:

- a. communicating with said multiple persons at the first location area, through a communication medium in connection with a departure from the first location area;

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- ii. transmitting a response to said at least one of said multiple persons that communicated the evacuation request, the response including a plurality of available times for the evacuation of said at least one of said multiple persons from the first location area; and,
 - iii. permitting said at least one of said multiple persons to select the evacuation time from the plurality of available times; and
- c. employing the selected evacuation time for permitting the evacuation of said at least one of said multiple persons from the first location area, thereby managing the evacuation of the multiple persons remaining in said disaster area.

Claim 8 (allowed): A method of managing the evacuation of multiple persons located in different discrete places at a first location in a disaster area, wherein the evacuation is related to a crisis or disaster, the method comprising:

- a. informing about the evacuation to the multiple persons located at the first location, the multiple persons being informed through a communication medium;
- b. permitting at least one of said multiple persons to enter an evacuation request on the communication medium for an allocation of an evacuation time for leaving the first location, including the steps of:
 - i. receiving the evacuation request from said at least one of said multiple persons at the first location, the evacuation request being communicated to a central computer for regulating a number of persons at the first location relative to a number of persons being directed to a second location remote from said first location; and
 - ii. transmitting a response to said at least one of said multiple persons that communicated the evacuation request, the response including the evacuation time for the evacuation of said at least one of said multiple persons from the first location; and,
- c. employing the evacuation time for permitting the evacuation of said at least one of said multiple persons from the first location, thereby managing the evacuation of the multiple persons remaining in said disaster area.

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Claim 9 (allowed): The method of claim 8, wherein the evacuation request received from said at least one of said multiple persons at the first location is made on behalf of a plurality of persons, and wherein the plurality of persons are permitted to evacuate based on the evacuation time.